

Attempt to kill Lahad thwarted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four Shi'ites who tried to assassinate South Lebanon Army commander General Antoine Lahad were caught by an Israel Defence Forces unit after a chase on Wednesday, it was revealed yesterday.

The four, two men from the Shi'ite village of al-Hiyam and two women from Beirut, admitted under investigation to belonging to the Shi'ite organization Amal, and are believed to be responsible for a number of recent attacks against the SLA in the Marjayoun region.

The four were caught after Christian residents of Marjayoun noticed a suspicious vehicle not far from Lahad's Marjayoun headquarters—a station wagon with its engine running and its driver leaning over a strange object. Another man and woman were also seen in the car. The residents called security forces to the area.

It later turned out the driver was placing a beeper on explosives, packed into a 155mm shell. The explosives were to be set off by a radio-cast beeper signal.

When security forces arrived at the site the vehicle was already gone. The charge, which had been buried in sand, was dismantled safely by Engineer Corps men and roadblocks were set up to catch the escaping vehicle.

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A memorial service was held yesterday at Tel Nof to honour the 1,200 paratroopers who have fallen in action, including 99 who were killed in Lebanon. Among those attending the ceremony were (left to right): Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, OC Infantry Corps Tat-Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai, Health Minister and former OC Paratroops Corps Mordechai Gur, Ariel Sharon's wife Lily and Industry Minister and former OC Paratroops Corps Sharon, and IDF Chief Chaplain Gad Navon.

Talks on Lebanon pullback are underway, Rabin says

Israel will strive to ensure the safety of its northern settlements without necessitating the continued presence of Israeli troops in South Lebanon, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

Speaking at a memorial service for fallen paratroopers, Rabin said that negotiations aimed at achieving this goal have begun.

Rabin said that the Israel Defence Forces must continue to strengthen itself with the most modern weaponry. He asserted that the better the IDF is prepared for the next war, the better the chances of reaching peace with our neighbours.

The enemy must know that while Israel ardently desires peace, the IDF will be victorious if it is forced to go to war. "The IDF is the key to peace, and only when our enemies realize that they will never win a war will they seek peace," Rabin told the gathering of bereaved families.

The ceremony, held at the monument to fallen paratroopers at Tel Nof in the South, opened with the lighting of a memorial torch, and the recitation of Kaddish by a bereaved father.

Speaking on behalf of the bereaved families, Yosef Shani said that their fallen sons exemplified Zionist values by volunteering to serve in Paratroop Corps. He called on all Israelis to come together and work towards correcting social injustices. He also wished the national unity government success in achieving full economic independence.

"We are willing to set an example, just as our sons did," Shani said. (Iim)

Fatah says it bombed Israel's embassy

NICOSIA (AP). — The leader of the dissident pro-Syrian faction of the Palestinian terrorist group Fatah claimed responsibility yesterday for a bomb explosion in the parking lot of a building housing the Israeli Embassy in Nicosia earlier in the day.

A communique issued in Damascus by Colonel Saeed Mussa, code-named Abu Mussa, head of the group opposed to PLO chief Yasser Arafat, said that "one of our units, operating abroad blew up the Israeli Embassy in Nicosia, this noon."

The communique pledged the group would continue striking "against Israeli targets wherever they may be."

A bomb-laden automobile exploded in the parking space of the embassy building causing considerable confusion but little damage, according to police statements.

One person in a ground floor shop of the building was slightly injured.

Police sources said one Arab was detained for questioning and another, an Algerian who hired the automobile from a local car-hire firm (Continued on Back Page)

On eve of Washington trip Peres still undecided what to ask of Reagan

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

On the eve of Prime Minister Shimon Peres's visit to the U.S. intensive contacts are still proceeding in Jerusalem and in Washington, to determine what Israeli economic requests might realistically be obtainable.

Peres will walk a delicate path: He does not wish, as he says, "to come cap-in-hand," but at the same time he wishes to spell out frankly Israel's grave needs — yet not appear greedy or overreaching.

The director-general of the Foreign Ministry, David Kimche, had a long meeting in Jerusalem yesterday with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, while in Washington Kimche's deputy, Hanan Baron, held similar exploratory-preparatory meetings with high American officials.

It is on the basis of such meetings that Peres will make his final decisions regarding what to say — and especially what to ask for.

The premier spent yesterday reviewing ideas, first at a special pre-visit cabinet session, and later in smaller consultations with economic ministers and aides. Among the ideas under consideration are:

- To seek an increase in military aid, from \$1.4 billion a year to \$2b. from fiscal 1986, with a larger portion of the money to be spent here in Israel.
- To seek an increase in economic aid from fiscal 1986, from \$1.2b. to \$1.6b.
- To seek a \$1b.-a-year loan for the next five years, specifically directed to enhancing Israel's industrial and technological infrastructure. Such a loan could conceivably come directly from the U.S. government, or from private banks in reliance on U.S. government guarantees.
- To seek a "standby fund" that would be set up by the U.S. in Israel's behalf and would serve as a surety for loans Israel could then obtain from commercial sources.
- To seek a one-time emergency loan, like the loan granted Israel soon after the 1973 Yom Kippur War. This could be granted without recourse to Congress (which is adjourned until February).
- To seek payment of the entire fiscal 1985 economic aid package — \$1.2b. — immediately. Israeli officials expect this request to be acceded to without difficulty.
- At the cabinet yesterday, Peres stressed that he would ask the U.S. government, and also private (especially Jewish) supporters, to invest in the future of Israel's industry — not to help Israel overcome its present problems, which is Israel's own onerous task. American aid, he said, should go towards ensuring Israel's security and assisting the growth and expansion of its economy once the present crisis was brought under control.

On the foreign-policy aspects of his trip, Peres must also tread warily, given the composition of his unity government. The premier pledged yesterday that even if the Reagan Plan is raised, he will say he must refer back to the cabinet, where any American proposals will naturally be weighed with due seriousness.

On settlements, if they come up, he will say that Israel must make its decisions by itself, and not be dictated to from without. "It is no secret that this matter is in dispute around this table," Peres told the ministers. "But we will decide it by ourselves."

Peres's assessment, however, is that the Reagan Plan and the West Bank issue in general are not likely to be high-priority items on his Washington agenda. This is because of America's keen disappointment (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Kreisky meets Jibril, asks to see PoWs

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Former Austrian chancellor Bruno Kreisky last night asked terrorist leader Ahmed Jibril to let him meet the three Israeli prisoners held by the PLO organization, Kol Yisrael said last night.

The reported meeting between Kreisky and Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, took place in Damascus, in the presence of Herbert Amry, Austria's ambassador to Greece and key negotiator in previous prisoner exchanges between Israel and terrorist organizations.

Kreisky arrived in Damascus on Wednesday, and met with President Hafez Assad. Kreisky was instrumental in the release earlier this year of six other Israeli soldiers held by the PLO, and according to Palestinian sources in Damascus, was now seeking to secure the release of the three held by Jibril.

The Israelis held by Jibril are Yosef Groff, Nissim Salem and Hezi Shai. All three were shown by Jibril to a press conference in Damascus last July.

Chief of General Staff Moshe Levy told an Israel Television interviewer yesterday that "intensive" efforts were underway to secure the release of the three men held by Jibril, as well as that of Samir Rishon (Staff Sergeant) Samir Assad, held by Naif Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine soldiers.

Levy said it is hard to measure progress in these matters, but he was confident that ultimately efforts to release the prisoners will succeed.

Murphy brought 8-point plan for pull-out, Berri confirms

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Lebanese Shi'ite leader Nabih Berri was yesterday quoted as affirming that U.S. envoy Richard Murphy had presented an eight-point proposal for Israel's withdrawal from South Lebanon during visits to Beirut, Damascus and Jerusalem last month.

It was not clear from agency reports of Berri's interview in Beirut's leftist daily *a-Safir* yesterday whether the plan was in fact an American initiative, as described in the Beirut press at the time but subsequently denied by the State Department, or a presentation of

Berri's opening position by the U.S. envoy, as claimed by some Lebanese officials.

Berri was quoted as saying that the proposal contained some positive elements — Israel's agreement not to link its own withdrawal to that of Syria, and its willingness for an expanded *Unifil* role in South Lebanon. But others were "unacceptable," including any security role for the Israel-backed South Lebanese Army.

Meanwhile, Lebanese President Amin Jemayel yesterday dispatched two envoys to Damascus and Riyadh to discuss the withdrawal issue. His (Continued on Page 13)

Mubarak rejects Peres's call for summit meeting

CAIRO (AP). — President Hosni Mubarak has turned down an Israeli call for a summit with Prime Minister Shimon Peres because such a meeting would require "adequate" preparation to produce concrete results, a leading Cairo newspaper said yesterday.

The newspaper *al-Ahram*'s explanation of why Mubarak turned down Peres's proposal was written by its political editor, Ibrahim Nafeh, an attribution that customarily indicates top-level sourcing.

Peres first disclosed Mubarak's rejection on Wednesday during a meeting with the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

"President Mubarak has declined to accept a suggestion by Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres that they meet now on the Egyptian-Israeli border," *al-Ahram* said.

It said Mubarak believes that such (Continued on Back Page)

U.S. diplomat Viets predicts 'social upheaval' in Israel

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON. — A Senior State Department official has raised the possibility of "social upheaval" in Israel in the aftermath of the severe belt-tightening measures needed to cure its economy.

"They're headed for a very rough internal patch," Ambassador Richard Viets told *The Wall Street Journal*.

Viets, who has just returned to Washington after completing a term as ambassador to Jordan, had earlier served as the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv under Samuel Lewis.

"Very few people realize the kind of draconian measures that will be needed," he continued. "The types of measures that are coming will bite first and foremost at the very class of people that have supported the rightist and religious parties. They know how to act. There will be unemployment on a major scale. And as subsidies are cut back, there will be a surge of prices. That spells for me social upheaval."

Viets' comments were included in yesterday's lengthy front-page report in the newspaper headlined: "Israel's foreign debt and soaring inflation peril nation's security."

The report warned that unless Israel takes stronger remedial measures (Continued on Back Page)

More heat forecast for Yom Kippur

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Jews around the world will this evening launch the 25 hours of prayer, introspection and fasting of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year.

The heat wave is forecast to continue over the fast, the Meteorological Service said last night.

The fast begins in Jerusalem at 4:43 this afternoon and ends tomorrow with a blast of the ram's horn at 5:57 p.m. Although tonight is also Shabbat, Yom Kippur takes precedence over the usual Sabbath joy, the only fast that does so.

Schools and many government and private offices will be closed today and shops will close early to enable their employers to get home and eat their last meal before the fast.

City buses will begin their last runs today at 3 p.m. Most inter-urban buses will begin their last run of the day between 2 and 2.30 p.m., with runs on longer routes, such as those to Eilat, beginning earlier.

Many city and inter-urban bus lines which normally operate on Saturday evenings will not be running tomorrow evening, and people planning to travel tomorrow evening are advised to check at bus station information booths on which buses will be in operation.

Both city and inter-urban buses will begin operation at about 7 p.m. tomorrow.

The Magen David Adom spokesman has asked the public not to obstruct ambulance drivers in the performance of their duties on Yom Kippur.

In previous years, said the spokesman, some members of the public set up obstacles in the paths of ambulances or stoned ambulances as they passed by. The spokesman emphasized that these acts of hooliganism were not always perpetrated by the ultra-Orthodox, but often by bored youngsters as a "practical joke."

In South Lebanon, the Awali River crossing points and the border crossing to Israel will be closed over the holiday. Israeli troops in the area have been instructed to remain extremely alert to attempted attacks, particularly since Yom Kippur this year falls on October 6, the date the Yom Kippur War began. This is the first time the Jewish and Gregorian dates have coincided since 1973.

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EC said to be 'understanding' on import ban

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI

BONN. — The European Community is expected to protest against Israel's ban on imported luxury goods, although sources in Bonn said that no European sanctions against Israel are likely.

The sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that the ban "does contradict the 1975 treaty between the European Community and Israel, but it is obviously an emergency measure."

The 1975 treaty allows for import curbs when balance-of-payment deficits demand it, but limits the duration of such a step to three months. It would not be expedient, however, the sources said, to take action against an Israeli action which is supposed to be terminated after half a year.

On the other hand, it was remarked, "the EC cannot refrain from any reaction, lest other countries think they may stop imports from Europe, too." Therefore a policy of protest without sanction seemed the most likely course for the EC.

In Jerusalem yesterday, Industry and Trade Ministry director-general Yehoshua Forer told commercial attaches of foreign embassies that the import ban is not designed to protect local industries, but solely to save foreign currency.

In separate meetings with the representatives of the EC and the U.S., Forer asked for their understanding for Israel's decision, which he said was dictated by an emergency situation.

Peres to raise issue of Soviet Jews

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Peres promised former Soviet Jews last night that he would raise the worsened plight of Soviet Jews during his meetings with U.S. officials next week. He also said he would bring the subject of aliyah back to the high priority it deserves.

Peres met for 45 minutes with Avital Shcharansky, wife of Prisoner of Zion Anatoly Shcharansky, Yosef Mendeleovich, who spent nine years in Soviet prison camps; Yuri Stern; and two other former Soviet Jews. They gave him letters received recently from Soviet Jews, and Peres promised to bring them to U.S. officials.

Peres has asked Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tzur to prepare a special session of the cabinet to be devoted soon to the subject of Soviet Jewry.

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Safed	50	17-28	29
Haifa Port	70	23-28	39
Tiberias	52	20-33	34
Nazareth	50	18-30	31
Atula	65	19-32	33
Shmona	56	16-30	31
Tel Aviv	72	21-27	38
B-G Airport	54	20-29	30
Jericho	42	24-36	37
Gaza	77	21-27	38
Beersheba	35	18-32	38
Eilat	33	25-37	38

Officer hurt in Lebanon

METULLA (Itim). - An Israel Defence Forces Engineer Corps officer was wounded on Wednesday evening north of Joubieh in South Lebanon.

The officer was wounded when a hand grenade exploded as he was investigating a large arms cache at the village outskirts.

The officer was transferred to an IDF clinic and then flown to a hospital in Israel.

Various militias and Palestinian terrorist organizations are known to have large hidden stores of weapons and ammunition in IDF-controlled territory in South Lebanon.

Talks fail to end cigarette strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Dubek cigarette company yesterday announced that it had stopped production of cigarettes until the conclusion of negotiations with the striking cigarette wholesalers and retailers, who are also blockading Dubek's two factories. The company produces almost all locally made cigarettes.

Ata to get cotton to keep producing

By DAVID RUDGE

HAIFA. - The Ata textile concern is to acquire enough cotton supplies to keep the firm's plants at Kiryat Ata and Kordah producing for seven working days. The *Jerusalem Post* was told yesterday.

Shaul Eisenberg, whose group of holding companies owns Ata, yesterday gave the go-ahead for the one-time purchase, according to Haifa Labour Council official Avraham Hammer.

The entire work force will also take a week's leave for Succot, creating a two-week breathing space which workers hope will be sufficient to allow a long-term recovery plan to be worked out.

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May your soul enjoy eternal life.
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HOME NEWS

Histadrut shops freeze price of imports

TEL AVIV. - The Histadrut marketing network decided yesterday to freeze the prices of all imported goods already in stock. The decision follows the government's decision this week to ban the importation of 50 consumer items and to impose a 40 per cent deposit on goods at sea.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the heads of all the concerns in the network. The meeting was convened by Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar in his capacity as chairman of Hevrat Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut holding company.

Among the companies that will freeze the prices of imported goods in stock are the Tzarchaniyot chain of supermarkets, Tnuva, Hamashbir Lezarchan, Hypershuk and the Jerusalem and Haifa Consumers Cooperatives. Together they account for about one quarter of the marketing outlets in the country.

Shekem general-manager Yonatan Gur last night expressed approval of the Histadrut move.

By ROY ISACOWITZ
and said he would like to meet with officials of the Histadrut and of other marketing concerns to discuss price freezing and the promotion of local products.

Histadrut sources said last night that the prices of the goods would be frozen at yesterday's prices in shekels. The freeze has no time limit, meaning that losses due to the high inflation expected in the next few months will be absorbed by the stores.

In initiating the freeze, Kessar said that the Histadrut has to do its share in the national effort to heal the economy and to give an example to the public. "The Histadrut marketing network must be true to its social and moral calling and act as a pioneer in the field of fair and ethical commerce," he said.

The sources said that one of the aims of the move is to foster local manufacturing. "Even if some imported products are cheaper and of better quality, we will have to make do with what we have locally," one source said. It is unlikely that

the chains will import fresh stocks of the goods in question once the present stocks are sold out, they said.

The heads of the Histadrut concerns also decided that any price reductions and easier credit granted them by local suppliers and financial institutions will be passed on to the consumers. They resolved to keep a sharp watch on prices and to report any deviations to the Industry and Trade Ministry.

The participants in the meeting called on the country's other marketers to halt the "runaway prices" of recent weeks. They urged the public to work with the Histadrut's and other control bodies to ensure that price-gouging is reported to the authorities.

Kessar and Histadrut Consumer Protection Authority chairwoman Nuzhat Katzav will meet with Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon today to formulate plans for ensuring price control.

Still no resolution to tuition-fee dispute

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

A meeting in which Prime Minister Shimon Peres was to arbitrate in the Education Ministry's conflict with the Finance Ministry ended with no specific resolution last night, besides Peres's recommendation that Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon head a committee on the issue.

The Finance and Education Ministries have been disputing the size of the planned increase in tuition fees.

The committee is scheduled to meet early next week. Should it fail to arrive at an accord, the matter will

be referred to Peres on his return to Israel from the U.S. At yesterday's meeting in his office, Peres said that it was unacceptable that students be sacrificed.

At last night's meeting, attended by Treasury director-general Emmanuel Sharon, Professor Haim Harari, chairman of the budget and planning committee of the Council for Higher Education, and Yossi Sperling, head of the students union, Harari did not budge from the council's position that student loans must be raised in proportion to the increase in fees, although he agreed that it is necessary to raise tuition fees to \$1,200.

Authorities want government to share more in services

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

TEL AVIV. - The Knesset Finance Committee may recommend a revision of public services between the local authorities and the government, in view of the financial plight of the authorities, it was learned yesterday.

A delegation from the Union of Local Authorities, headed by chairman Pinhas Eylon, yesterday told the finance panel what he said were the causes of the authorities' problems, and asked the committee to find a solution to them once and for all.

Eylon said that the government's delay in transferring funds to the local authorities forces them to take dollar-linked bank loans and to get

even deeper in debt as a result. Several local authorities cannot pay their employees' wages and many are on the verge of collapse, he said.

Eylon urged the committee to recommend the adoption of the Sanbar committee's recommendations, which he said have been gathering dust in the Interior Ministry for the past three years.

The Sanbar committee, appointed by the government five years ago to help solve the local authorities' problems, recommended a revision of the services rendered by the authorities. Although these recommendations could solve the authorities' financial difficulties, Eylon said they have been ignored.

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However, when the vehicle was stopped after a chase, the two women seen by Marjayoun residents were not in it. Under investigation, the men admitted they had dropped the women at the Bateir-A-Shouf border crossing, some 30 kilometres north of Marjayoun. The women were caught at the border crossing that afternoon, while waiting in line

PERES-REAGAN

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over King Hussein's headline speech earlier this week, in which he attacked both Israel and the U.S. and rejected Peres's offer of talks without preconditions.

Officials in Jerusalem say Peres should encounter warm support in Washington not only because of the imminent elections but also because of the stepped-up Soviet activism in the Middle East. They cite the Soviet arms talks with Jordan and with Kuwait, the intensified military supplies to Iraq and Syria, and the resumption of diplomatic ties with Egypt as factors that would tend to reinforce the U.S. administration's supportive concern for Israel's strength and wellbeing.

On Lebanon, Peres will clearly be looking for progress towards a withdrawal accord with Syria to be mediated by the U.S. Earlier hopes of a quick deal seem to have faded somewhat in the face of tough-sounding Syrian positions. But Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin believe the basic components of an agreement are available, and that dogged diplomatic efforts would produce results.

Peres had some low-key and avuncular comments at cabinet on the bitter public feuding between ministers, especially between Deputy Premier David Levy (Likud-

Herut) and Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i (Likud-Liberal).

Without mentioning any names, the premier said all ministers ought to emerge from cabinet forums with a united front - once the internal arguments had been decided upon by majority vote. "I'm not upbraiding and accusing anyone," Peres noted. His words were received without comment.

Avi Temkin adds:
Government officials explained last night to the *Jerusalem Post* that Peres will be seeking a long-term plan that will enable Israel to pay back its debts to the U.S. The prime minister will emphasize that any economic aid will be used only to repay debts and for defence purposes, but absolutely not for raising Israel's standard of living.

The officials said that there is some concern in Jerusalem that the Americans may consider the austerity measures implemented so far as insufficient and may ask for broader steps.

In his pre-visit briefings, Peres was advised to stress that Israel is paying back loans it took as a result of the costs incurred by the Camp David agreement. These costs should have been covered by outright grants, and not loans, the officials said. Now the situation must be remedied with U.S. help, they added.

5 seriously injured in head-on collision

BEERSHEBA. - Five people were seriously injured last night when a truck and a pick-up truck collided head on at about 10 p.m. on the Beersheba-Kiryat Gat road. The injured were taken to Soroka Hospital

in Beersheba.

According to the police, the pick-up truck, coming from Beersheba, suddenly swerved into the middle of the road and hit the truck coming toward it.



Prime Minister Peres chats with Segen David Shein, one of the five soldiers wounded in last week's crash of an Israel Defence Forces helicopter, and his mother, at Hadassah Hospital. Ein Kerem yesterday. Peres took time out from his preparations for his U.S. visit to wish the five men a speedy recovery and hear them tell of the accident, in which five others were killed. (Dan Landau)

Glickstein: Russians were simply better on the day

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's tennis squad returned home yesterday "disappointed but still very proud of their achievements" in the description of ITF chairman David Harari after the 3-2 defeat by the Soviet Union in the European zone final of the Davis Cup.

There was some comment about the highly partisan Russian crowd and the fact that the Soviet authorities had spitefully refused to allow the full delegation and supporters into the country was recalled with dismay. But the feeling was summed up philosophically by the country's No. 1 Shlomo Glickstein who took the line: "No excuses, really. The Russians played excellent tennis. On the day they were better on these court conditions."

Prior to the match Israel had com-

plained to the International Tennis Federation that the Russians had an "unfair advantage" in Donetsk because of Moscow's refusal to grant entry visas to some members of the delegation including American tennis psychologist Allen Fox. The London-based Federation, however, spurned the Israeli protest and in the end the Soviet hosting of the team complied fully with all Davis Cup rules, team members and officials reported.

Education Minister Yitzhak Navon sent the team a congratulatory telegram emphasizing that although naturally victory would have been sweeter, the country was justly proud of both their achievement in sporting achievements and ambassadorial talents displayed in the difficult circumstances.

Nablus security prisoners end 12-day hunger strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Inmates of the Jneid maximum security prison near Nablus called off their 12-day-long partial hunger strike late yesterday in response to a visit earlier this week by Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev.

Bar-Lev had said some of the prisoners' demands were justified, thus contradicting the Prison Service's initial dismissal of the affair. He nonetheless termed the hunger strike political.

Ziad Abu-Ziad, a Jerusalem advocate representing some of the inmates, said last night that he had visited the prison yesterday and heard from the prisoner's committee of their unanimous decision to end the strike.

The prisoners welcomed Bar-Lev's initiative in coming to the prison to see for himself as well as his attitude, Abu-Ziad said. They were also encouraged by the Prison Service's willingness to already accede to some of their demands, such as

the introduction of a radio, the supply of sheets and pyjamas, and preparations to improve conditions for visiting relatives.

Apparently unaware of the inmates' change of mind, merchants in East Jerusalem and in the Nablus market held a full commercial strike in support of their demands while family members continued to demonstrate outside the Red Cross offices in East Jerusalem and Gaza.

Meanwhile, the three-day curfew on the Dehaisa refugee camp near Bethlehem was lifted yesterday after security forces sealed seven foot-paths leading into the camp. The curfew was imposed after several rock-throwing attacks on Israeli traffic over the past week.

The paths are alleged to have been used by local youths who were able to flee into the narrow alleys after hurling stones at cars on the main road by the camp. They had been sealed for several months last year but were reopened after the number of such incidents decreased.

W. Germany closes its Prague embassy

BONN (Reuter). - The German Federal Republic has closed its embassy in Prague, where some 40 would-be East German refugees are awaiting permission to travel to the West, chief government spokesman Peter Boenisch said yesterday.

"Unfortunately, we had to close our embassy in Prague today. Its capacity is exhausted," Boenisch said in a television interview.

Asked if the decision to close the embassy was forced by the influx of

asylum-seekers, Boenisch replied: "Correct."

"East Germany has informed us that it is no longer prepared to guarantee exit permits to those who seek to obtain them by pressure," Boenisch said.

The interview was Bonn's first official acknowledgement that the embassy has been crowded for the past several days by East Germans who refuse to leave without obtaining permission from East Berlin to emigrate to the West.

Court hears of intent to strafe Temple Mount

The intention of the Jewish terrorist suspects on trial before the Jerusalem District Court to attack the Temple Mount from the air was confirmed in evidence heard yesterday.

Superintendent Isidor Slok, who headed the police investigation in the north, testified that defendant Ya'acov Heineman, an Israel Air Force pilot, said that he had been asked by other suspects whether it was possible to bomb the Temple Mount without harming the Western Wall, Heineman, according to Slok, said that it was impossible.

Heineman interjected at this point: "That's a lie."

Slok said that he had not kept a record of this conversation, which he termed "informal," but he conveyed the information to his commander and to an agent of the General Security Services.

Yesterday's hearings were a continuation of the mini-trial over the veracity and acceptability of the defendants' statements presented to the court.

Another police witness, Superintendent Samuel Sasson, said that Heineman's eldest brother, Ben-Zion, had been extremely angry and embittered at the way they were being questioned and had termed

the investigators "hangmen."

Chief Inspector Pinhas Selier confirmed that the statements he took from some of the defendants were based on memorandums prepared by the GSS agents who had conducted the initial investigation and interrogation.

One of the main defendants, Shaul Nir, had also asked at one stage to speak to Ben-Zion Heineman to ask him how to explain his actions ideologically, Selier said. In private conversations Nir spoke of the security situation in the area as a motivation, Selier said.

Selier confirmed that there was an "arrangement" between Nir and the GSS over what he was supposed to say in his statements and what would remain private, such as names.

This confirms initial reports that the defendants were willing to confess individually but would not, in their official statements, implicate their accomplices.

Rabbi Moshe Levinger of Hebron was among the visitors in yesterday's session, which saw families once again transferring large quantities of food to the defendants. Levinger talked to Nir at length outside the courtroom.

The trial is to resume on Sunday. (Itim)

Ministers huddle with Dulzin

By JUDY SIEGEL

Prime Minister Peres and four members of his cabinet yesterday met for an hour with Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulzin and treasurer Akiva Lewinsky. Although the meeting was announced to the press beforehand, it was a closed session and no one would comment about it.

With Peres were Ministers Yitzhak Moda'i, Ezer Weizman, Moshe Arens and Gad Ya'acobi.

The presence of the two economic ministers, Moda'i and Ya'acobi, created speculation that Peres wanted the Jewish Agency's help in getting increased financial support from Diaspora Jewry. The subject of Soviet

Jewry may also have been raised.

Asked last month whether the Jewish Agency would take over some government functions if the state could not pay for them, Dulzin said that the Agency had not been asked. If it were requested to do so, he added, "we would consider it," although legal problems regarding American tax-free contributions to the Jewish Agency would be involved.

The only statement to emanate from the Prime Minister's Office was that Peres will ask American Jews during his U.S. visit next week, to join in helping the Israeli economy through investment.

SLA seals off Nabatiya as feast of Ashura approaches

BEIRUT (Reuter). - The Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army yesterday blockaded Nabatiya, Lebanon's national news agency said last night.

It said the blockade was aimed at preventing armed men from entering the town, the main spiritual home of Lebanon's Shi'ite Muslims, before today's feast of Ashura, the Islamic counterpart of the Jewish Yom Kippur.

The agency said the ban on arms appeared to be aimed at members of Lebanese internal security forces rather than at citizens of the town.

Travellers from the south have recently reported Shi'ite feelings running high as the biggest feast in their calendar approaches.

Last year's Ashura celebrations in Nabatiya erupted in bloody clashes when Israeli troops fired on a religious procession by an estimated

50,000 people, killing one person and wounding nine.

In Beirut, Lebanon's main Shi'ite Muslim movement last night called on the Lebanese Army to maintain law and order and on its supporters to stick to religious celebrations for the Ashura feast.

The statement from the 'Amal movement, calling for a ban on demonstrations today, was the latest plea from Muslim leaders to end violence that has marred the 10-day mourning period before Ashura, plunging Muslim West Beirut into nightly lawlessness.

Nearly 200 women believed to be Shi'ite fundamentalists, wearing black veils and helped by gunmen, on Wednesday night rampaged through the bars and clubs of a former Beirut nightclub district, smashing bottles of alcoholic drinks and wrecking interiors.

Peres weighing 'gestures' towards Arabs in the areas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the Coordinator of Activities in the Territories Shmuel Goren earlier this week reviewed a series of possible goodwill gestures towards the Arab population in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District.

These "gestures," which range from a relaxation in censorship to the possibility of new municipal elections, could be presented to the U.S. administration if the issue is raised during the prime minister's talks in Washington next week.

US Secretary of State George Shultz has already expressed an interest in encouraging Palestinian capital investment and industrial development in the administered areas. The previous Israeli government effectively dismissed such ideas by its insistence on prior approval and control of all activity.

Peres has already apparently discussed the idea of allowing the revival of some Arab banking activity in the areas. Nearly all the activities of Arab banks were suspended following the June 1967 Six Day War.

Kahane petitions court over Taiba visit ban

Knesset Member Meir Kahane (Kach) yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to order the police minister and the police inspector-general to show cause why they should not rescind their decision to bar Kahane from visiting the Arab village of Taiba in the Triangle on Tuesday.

In the petition, Kahane contends that he is going to the village to speak to Jewish women who married Arab men and are living in the village. He also claims that he is entitled, as a member of Knesset, to visit any public place in Israel, except places barred for security reasons. (Itim)

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Focus

David Krivine talks to former finance minister Yigael Hurvitz (below)

'We must use the guillotine'



There must be no distraction from the task at hand — the task of saving the economy

WHAT IS NEEDED right now to save the economy? "A package deal, incorporating a cancellation of the cost-of-living allowance for one month," says Yigael Hurvitz, minister without portfolio in the new national unity government.

"In return, everything else must be frozen: prices, subsidies, taxes, the exchange rate — everything. Also interest rates should be slashed, to cheapen the inflated cost of capital."

Inflation, he continues, must be halted in its tracks. This is, Hurvitz believes, the most important task facing the government. Assuming that the price-freeze begins in November, workers would be denied the November cost-of-living allowance (payable for price inflation in October). The two measures — the price freeze and the pay cut — have to go together, the one cannot be done without the other.

But the Histadrut has stated bluntly that it won't stomach any interference with the cost-of-living allowance. "I'd be ready to pass a law in the Knesset enforcing the cut in the allowance, that's how important it is," says Hurvitz.

And he goes further. The Histadrut should be persuaded to negotiate the package deal, and he expects that Finance Minister Yitzhak Mordechai will take the matter up again. "We are talking of a tripartite agreement in which all sides — government, employers and labour — make a contribution. Should the Histadrut or the Manufacturers Association refuse point-blank to participate, the whole transaction ought to be embodied in an act of parliament."

He also addresses himself to the workers. "If they don't make this one-time sacrifice, they will pay for their refusal several times over. When inflation soars to 1,000 per cent or 1,500 per cent, the workers will be very much worse off. Not only will their real wages be eroded, but more serious than that, firms will close down, which means unemployment — and not of a controlled kind either."

Is it not necessary first that the government cut its budget? "That is being done," he answers. "The cabinet has decided to reduce expenditure by \$1b. The cut should really be \$1.5b. or more — some economists recommend \$2b. So \$1b. is a minimum of a minimum, and I hope it goes through."

IN A PUBLIC opinion poll held before the present government was formed, 47 per cent expressed their preference for Hurvitz as finance minister, more than all the other suggested candidates put together. But his faction — Ometz — won only a single Knesset seat, his own, Hovav.

did he come to be a minister nevertheless? "Labour gave me a place on its list although unlike Ezer Weizman I have not joined the Alignment."

"I have in the past been minister of trade and industry, I have been finance minister — I've no further aspirations for cabinet rank. But I wanted to be a member of the economic cabinet so that I could push for the right policies. My appointment is not an expensive one. I've brought in a secretary and a driver, that's all — no personal assistant or anything else."

At this point the press-photographer who had tagged along with me and was taking pictures of Hurvitz, could not contain herself: "All the ministers and their Volvos — why this ostentation?" she interjects. "What example are they giving to the people?"

"When I was finance minister," he tells her, "I surrendered my Volvo and used an old Ford Escort instead. I thought other ministers might imitate me. Do you know what happened? They gave my Volvo to Dan Patir (then the prime minister's press spokesman), that's what happened."

Volvos aside, I remind the minister that on foreign affairs he had hawkish views to the point of denying his support for the Camp David agreement. He interrupts me: "All that I have put away in a drawer," he says, pointing to the side of his desk. "First things first — the economic problem supersedes everything else."

Is the economic situation really that bad? Hurvitz nods his head: "Leaving aside the gaping trade deficit, price inflation is running at 20-22 per cent a month, and that's mission impossible. Inflation feeds on itself, it's like — to change the metaphor — a car chasing its own tail. The spiral becomes a whirligig."

What does Hurvitz mean by using the phrase "non-controlled unemployment"? "If we don't take corrective measures the crisis will get out of hand and companies will fold one after the other. The production sector will be hardest hit. There will be many Atas," he warns (referring to the threatened textile firm).

"But if we cut our budget and negotiate the long-awaited package deal, then we can control the process

of economic recovery. Unemployment is going to rise, I think that should be said out loud, however unpopular it makes us. When the Defence Ministry's allocations are pared, the military will reduce its orders and, bit by bit, supplier firms will shed workers."

The process however can be held in check. Given that we are over-extended, something has to give, that is unavoidable. But we can at least decide where the axe will fall.

"If there are dismissals they should be in the public services, not the production branch," he says. "We have to nurse our exports like the apple of our eye." A company missing out on orders from the government should be encouraged to

find alternative outlets in the export market.

But in government services, retrenchment is essential because that is the area which has grown excessively. "We have to live within our means, there is here a principle which ought to be added to the Ten Commandments."

We have had economy drives in the past, I point out. Hurvitz comments: "Just before the elections two laws were enacted, one supplying free creches for small children, the other instituting new benefits for demobilized soldiers. How much do these expensive pieces of legislation cost the taxpayer? I don't think the sponsors who tabled the bill had any idea."

"It happened in a period when we were already printing tens of billions of shekels a month. The welfare sector has been growing steadily while the production sector marked time. If we had produced more and devoted the money to welfare instead of paying our debts, I'd say alright, we may be allocating our money wrongly but at least it is our money."

"Instead of that we borrowed from the banks, we borrowed on the local market, and we printed and printed."

"If we live on what we can grab and not on our own resources, we shall never get out of the mess. When I was in charge of the Treasury, consumption per capita fell by 5

per cent. When I resigned I cautioned that we were moving towards collapse. My colleagues thought I was daft. Since that time consumption per capita has risen by 25 per cent, and we are on the brink of the precipice. People now understand what I was talking about."

The over-extended government services have to be cut back — "and not just through efficiency drives. They are necessary, of course, but that is not nearly enough. We have to reduce the size of the public sector by providing less education, fewer medical services. It's hard on everybody, not least on the civil servants who will be made redundant."

"It's not easy for men and women in their forties and fifties to be absorbed in export industries. I know that, but we have marched into a trap of our own making. This overspending cannot continue, we are obliged to pay our way. The mint where they print banknotes is not the address any more."

Will these reforms solve all our problems? "Not straightaway, but if we keep the lid down on financial extravagance, things should straighten out. Jobs will be hard to get, so productivity will rise — as it did when my policies of restraint were in force in 1980."

"Individuals will work hard so as not to lose their jobs." The days of easy-money, easy-go will be over. The nation will have to start earning its keep.

IS THE GOVERNMENT applying the necessary reforms? "I think it will, there is no choice. During the coming days and weeks we shall see moves in the right direction."

Would it not be possible to reduce the budget deficit by the scheduled \$1b. through tax increases?

"That isn't the way," Hurvitz declares firmly. "The cut of \$1b. refers to outlays. Our task is to decrease expenditure, not to step up revenue. Tax collection should be improved, and shirkers should be apprehended. But the tax level is high enough already. When incomes above a certain level are subject to an impost of 66 per cent, any further increase will only reduce people's incentive to work and increase the incentive to evade their dues."

"Some exceptional tax hikes may

be necessary, but on a temporary basis and as an emergency measure. More than that would be contrary to all logic. And the taxes that are applied should not be of the kind that raise prices, as does the suggested levy on inventories."

What about the proposal that instead of charging school fees, secondary education be financed in part by an increased national insurance contribution — would that put up prices? "It would; any contribution that falls on the wage-bill inflates costs and, therefore, prices."

HURVITZ BELIEVES that action must be drastic and that it must be taken without delay. "We need surgical methods. We must use the guillotine. There is no leeway for gradual measures. We have wasted enough time as it is. It's a pity that we lost 42 precious days after the elections in organizing the formation of a government. There are not many more months to spare."

"We possess a unique opportunity to get the job done. Our national coalition comprises 97 Knesset members out of 120. The government is broad-based, and the population is ready to make sacrifices."

Yet over two weeks have already passed since the government was formed and no negotiations are mooted so far for a package deal. Hurvitz is confident that the negotiations will take place, but hints at difficulties: "There is a danger," he concedes reluctantly, "that some people have their eye on the Histadrut elections next year and may try to slow things down, postponing painful belt-tightening measures until after the event."

"If reforms are held up I would suggest tabling a war-against-inflation bill in the Knesset, pushing the measures through without delay. We don't have a moment to spare. I would even consider having the Histadrut elections put off for a time, until we are clear of the predicament we are in."

"Many people will be shocked at this interference with the democratic process, but it's a measure of how grave our situation is. There must be no distraction from the task at hand, which has a priority over all other issues — the task of saving the economy."

"Let me repeat: we are at the parting of the ways. Everybody knows this is our last chance. The economy can be set on the right path — I'm sure the opportunity will not be missed this time."

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Journey to Jerusalem

By HAIM SHAPIRO / Jerusalem Post Reporter

HE SUFFERED persecution at the hands of the Tsarist troops, danger from Communist commissars and persecution from Polish soldiers, but there is anything that worries Rabbi Selig Starr today it is the pointless hatred of one Jew for another.

Sitting in an almost bare room in the Romema quarter of Jerusalem, the elderly rabbi delves back into his past for memories. His only furniture is a study table and his many books.

It is not an easy task for Rabbi Starr, who was born in the province of Pinsk in 1896. Many of his memories are etched in bitterness and he would prefer to remember the happier times: 57 years as the head of a well-known yeshiva, Hebrew Theological College, in Chicago.

But his earliest memories are of fear. He recalls that when he was five, he was told that if he went into the street and spoke in Russian he would be killed. It was a strange sentence, in which his family lived among the Russian peasantry, were in constant communication with them, and yet never ceased to be terrified of them.

But for a time, at least, he was shielded from all this by being sent to yeshivot, first in Novogorod and then in Kovno. Both institutions followed the Musar philosophy of Rabbi Israel Salanter.

When the yeshiva moved to Pinsk in 1914 because of World War I, he moved along with it. At the same time, he says, another group from the same yeshiva set up a branch in Lublin, which remained there until the massacres of 1929.

By 1916, however, the situation deteriorated too much and the students were sent home. There he studied and studied while his

mother supported the family by running a shop which sold axle grease for the peasants' wagons. They were lucky, he notes, because usually they were given food in return.

By 1917, the peasants had killed off most of their landlords while, at the same time, the battle raged back and forth between the Russian Communists and the Poles. Neither were very friendly, but Starr says that it was the Poles who were the most dangerous.

ACTING in their defence was the fact that in an atmosphere where many of the Jews had thrown off religion, his family remained observant. The Poles accepted this as proof that they were not Communists and the Communists decided that this indicated that they were apolitical.

True, he notes, the Communists had killed many of the merchants, but his family was so poor as to escape such attacks. Then he muses that the peasants would have probably killed his family as well if they hadn't needed their wares.

But again he notes that he too thought that the Communists had seemed to be an improvement on the situation under the Tsar, when peo-

ple were forced to practise the profession of their fathers. "We didn't know then about Stalin," he adds, with the killings, when every person was afraid he would be next.

The Communists did not close the synagogues officially, he remembers, but they became empty as young people became revolutionaries. In fact, he says, by going to school they proved to the Communists that they would not interfere. "It was good to be religious and poor," he says.

When the Poles were in control, he recalls, he was with his brother in the street when some soldiers came up to them and began beating them. Later an officer came to their home and asked if he could identify his attackers.

"I wouldn't identify them for anything in the world," he told the officer, "I don't want to die." Evidently the officer understood his position.

On another occasion, he was in the street and a Polish soldier motioned him to cover over. Instead, he fled and the soldier ran after him, following him into the home of a local Jew where he hid under the bed. The soldier looked everywhere but not there, he said, adding, "my life wasn't worth that," holding up a finger.

UNDER SUCH conditions, it is no wonder that he made his way to Warsaw in an attempt to obtain a visa to the U.S. The lines of applicants he says, stretched for two blocks, and many were rejected. There was the quota system, already in effect and, in addition, the Americans were afraid that they might be bringing in Communists. Because he was young, he was also suspect. But armed with a battery of refer-

ences that included one from the noted Jewish thinker and scholar, Hillel Zeitlin, and another from the local Catholic priest, he was given a visa. What seemed particularly to impress the consul, he said, was that the invitation to come to the U.S. had been from a synagogue.

As Jews tried to escape their intolerable conditions, whole collections of legends about the granting of visas started. In one such story, a Jew, after being turned down, muttered *gam zu letova* ("this too is for the good"). Thinking he was being cursed, the consul called in a translator to interpret, but upon being told the meaning of the epithet granted the Jew a visa after all.

Even with his recommendations, says Starr, he had to travel to Warsaw twice, an expensive and sometimes dangerous journey, but eventually a visa was granted. In 1921, he and his family went by ship from Danzig to the U.S. It was, in his words, like going from *gehenna* to *gan eden*.

Like many immigrants to the U.S., Starr found himself going to night school to learn English, but only seven years later, after having never attended a secular school before, he received his B.A. degree from the University of Chicago. Two years later, he received his M.A. in history. He loved history and philosophy and it was a difficult decision for him to return to the yeshiva and give up what appeared to be a promising career in academia.

RABBI STARR is quite obviously aware of the faults of American Jewry, but is far from being overly critical. The Jewish community in the U.S. has achieved great merits by virtue of its support of Israel, he says, not just on the financial level, but perhaps more importantly on the political plane. Moreover, he admires the ability of American Jews to forget their differences and work together, something that he feels Israelis could emulate.

In Chicago he saw, practically from its inception, the Hebrew Theological College, for many years as the only yeshiva in the American midwest. Cast in the model of a liberal Orthodox institution, it carries a full curriculum in addition to the traditional yeshiva studies.

At the same time he served as the rabbi of a local congregation on the

South Side of Chicago in an area where there is today no sign of Jews or synagogues. One student remembers an occasion on which a massive snowstorm kept virtually all the faculty away. Only Rabbi Starr, already advanced in years, made the trip which in normal weather would have taken over an hour from the South Side to the yeshiva campus in suburban Skokie. Since his arrival in Israel a few months ago, dozens of his former students have called to pay their respects.

If there is one aspect of Israeli life that hurts him it is the *sinat hinam*, the blind senseless hatred, between various groups. He especially singled out a commentary on the passage, "you should love your neighbour as yourself," which interpreted it to restrict such feelings to only when your neighbour is observant.

Having accepted a position as the head of the yeshiva of Darche Noam, a small, but select institution for English-speaking *kohanim* (*beshtu* penitents), he is in an especially good position to advance his own thoughts on the need for Jews to love one another.

All in all, looking back over his life, Rabbi Starr has one overriding feeling — "I am a very lucky man."



Selig Starr... 'It was good to be religious and poor.' (Ackerman)

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FRIENDS of the late Simcha Ehrlich, the Likud's first finance minister, looked on with less than dissatisfaction as the current incumbent at the Treasury got back a good taste of the same bitter medicine he was dishing out in the not-forgotten past. They recall that Yitzhak Moda'i, the current holder of Ehrlich's twin posts as finance minister and Liberal Party chairman, was instrumental in causing his senior colleague's downfall.

But in-the-know Likudniks are not sure of the reason for Deputy Premier David Levy's slashing attacks on Moda'i. Their opinion divides into three schools of thought. One group peddles the obvious theory that 1981's "strong man-for-the-Histadrut" is rocking the national unity boat in an effort to polish his image as the working man's hero for next year's labour federation elections. But there are others who say that Levy is motivated by a desire to cut off the rebound of industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, in the race to supplant Vice Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as Herut's Numero Uno. A third group argues, with equal conviction that Levy is doing his best to destroy the national unity coalition, and thus Shamir's prospects for rotating with Prime Minister Shimon Peres in two years time, before the Herut convention convenes next spring.

At any rate Levy has earned himself a new title - "the last socialist in the government" - from Herut Knesset colleague Gideon Gadot.

HANDWRITING ON THE WALL. The picture gallery of former ministers hanging on a wall in the finance minister's office has been reduced to six. The photo gallery now includes only Eliezer Kaplan, Levi Eshkol, Ze'ev Shafar, Pinhas Sapir, Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Simcha Ehrlich. Similar photos of Yigael Hurvitz, Yoram Aridor and Yigal Cohen-Orad have been removed, apparently at Moda'i's request.

WHAT'S COOKING. Remember the late Golda Meir's "kitchen cabinet"? We now appear to have the makings of a "Peres pantry" in the works, since the prime minister revived the old Mapai custom of convening party ministers in a Saturday night forum, to sound out ideas before Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting. The meetings, designed to assure a common front at the cabinet, are being held in the PM's office at 110 Rehov Hayarkon. Wonder how Labour's allies - Ezer Weizman of Yahad, Amnon Rubinstein of Shinui, and Yigael Hurvitz of Ometz, will react to being left out.

AS PERES packs his bags for his first official visit as PM to Washington, he'll be delighted to know that political astrologer Herzi Lipshitz gives him a full two years "in the premiership, forecasting new elections - and no rotation with Shamir - in the summer of 1986. The other good news found in the stars by Lipshitz is a sizeable financial recovery later this year thanks to outside aid. The bad news is the likelihood of an outbreak of fighting with Syria in November-December.

As to what the stars have in store for other countries, - Lipshitz has the interesting prediction that George Bush rather than Ronald Reagan will occupy the White House in 1985. He raises question marks over the reign of King Hussein of Jordan and the Egyptian presidency of Hosni Mubarak in the course of 1985.

U.S. AMBASSADOR Samuel Lewis gave an insight into official American thinking when talking to *Davar* Editor Haima Zemer in a once-yearly interview with a local newspaper. Speaking before he flew off to Washington in advance of the Peres visit, Lewis declared "There is no U.S. commitment to grant extra aid...beyond the \$2.6 billion given annually. But there is a willingness, even a U.S. resolution, to help Israel overcome its serious plight. We are deeply concerned about the deterioration of your economy." When Zemer wondered whether the U.S. had no choice but to come to Israel's rescue, Lewis replied: "We would like to help, but we have no overflowing financial resources."

PREMIER PERES will be flying to the U.S. with his old press aide and today Government Secretary Dr. Yosef Beilin, his political adviser Dr. Nimrod Novick and PM's Office Director-General Avraham (Abrasha) Tamir. Tamir seemed more tranquil this week, after going public last week-end in a number of press interviews with the warning: "If I'm not allowed to work, I'll walk out."

CONTRARY TO REPORTS being circulated here, we've learned that Peres will get unprecedented press coverage during his upcoming American visit. Sources on the transatlantic grapevine inform me that Uri Savir, the press consul in New York, has laid on quite a media binge for the visiting PM. Savir will also accompany the Peres entourage to Washington for meetings with President Ronald Reagan, Vice President George Bush, Secretary of State George Shultz, Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger and other top members of the administration.

Savir has benefited from the guidance of his boss in New York, Consul-General Naftali Lavie. Lavie, you'll recall, learned the art of spokespersonship in suits with Peres (at the Defence Ministry) and the late Moshe Dayan (at Defence and Foreign Affairs). It may not be common knowledge that Lavie was a prime candidate for the post of director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, a post that went to Tamir, as part of the agreement with Ezer Weizman's Yahad Party.

Incidentally, Uri Savir is one of our few second-generation diplomats. His father, Leo Savir, is the former ambassador to Finland.

A good performance by Savir during the trip might make him a contender for the still-vacant post of press counsellor to Premier Peres. That post has been turned down by some of our top media stars - including Matti Golan of *Ha'aretz*, Peres' biographer, and Israel TV's Dan Raviv and Nissim Mishal. We understand that the newsmen are reluctant to take the post because of its lack of long-term job security (Peres has only two more years as PM, until the premiership is scheduled to "rotate" to Vice Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir).

THE ACTING director of the Government Press Office, Morton Dolinsky, is not planning to leave quietly. Although his contract expires at the

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end of this month and the permanent appointment of Dr. Israel Peleg, to the post has been announced by the Prime Minister's office. Dolinsky has let it be known that his Herut party patron, Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens, has assured him that he'll stay put. Incidentally, Dolinsky's predecessor, Ze'ev Chafetz, has asked for a further year's unpaid leave from the press office to complete a new literary project. He has just flown to the U.S. on a promotion tour on his book *Double Vision* a study of western media mis-reporting on Israel, under the University of Washington imprint.

Peleg, who is chairman of the Israel Broadcasting Authority's information committee, had a neat solution ready when Gali Zahal

commander Ron Ben-Israel urged the IBA management committee to help sports-hungry IDF troops stationed in Lebanon by augmenting sports broadcasts there. Peleg's idea: "It's simple, bring the boys home. They'll be able to hear all the sports they want."

I HEAR THAT Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon has made little headway in lobbying Peres to appoint Nava Arad as a deputy minister.

ENERGY MINISTER Moshe Shahal - Haifa's only minister - proved his worth for his city this week by lobbying for the struggling Ata workers. He has opened the first ministerial bureau in Haifa - at the Oceanographic Research Station -

and his Jerusalem office is in the hands of Edith Gurel, daughter of Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel.

I CONFESS to having failed to discover the identity of two top-level Madison Avenue PR men despatched almost clandestinely to Jerusalem by Jewish Agency board of governors chairman Jerrold (Chuck) Hoffberger. I managed to learn only that their Herculean task was to suggest how the Agency's image could be improved in Israel and overseas. A prime difficulty for them was that most of the Agency officials they were supposed to have met were off on world travels. They were fortunate to have met Jewish Agency director-general Shlomo Tadmor who spent three whole days in Jerusalem during their visit be-

tween trips to New York and London.

I'M TOLD that the NRP's Avraham Melamed was responsible for the recess-eve invasion of the Knesset Members' dining room: by child-carrying wives of the jailed Jewish terrorist underground suspects. The MKs were urged to press for special conditions for their men. Melamed helped found a committee to support the terror suspects, led by fellow NRP MK Avner Scialy and Tehiya-Tzomet MK Rafael (Rafal) Eitan.

In these belt-tightening days it would be interesting to know who is financing the expensive legal counsel hired for the boys from Tel Mond. One of the lawyers, for example, is reported to have already been paid \$140,000, and the trial has only just started.

Incidentally, the Rosh-Hashana issue of *Nekuda*, the Gush Emunim journal, carries on its front page a picture from 1976 depicting then-defence minister Peres planting saplings at the settlement of Ofra. Helping him is local settler leader, Yehuda Kizilov, today Accused No. 2 in the terror trial.

IT WAS quite an occasion at the Va'ad Hapoel, the Histadrut HQ, with shofar blowing and other ceremony. The two chief rabbis - Avraham Shapiro and Mordechai Eliahu - paid a pastoral visit, the first of its kind to the heart of organized labour.

The special relationship between Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar and the Sephardi chief rabbi was apparent to all. The festive ambience was brought back to earth by Na'amat secretary Masha Labeleky, who complained of women's sufferings in the bureaucracy of the

rabbinical courts. The two rabbis promised to improve matters.

WHILE LABOUR MK Dov Ben-Meir is bidding for the Knesset environmental sub-committee chairmanship, some of his party comrades think he should first improve the political environment by honouring his preselection commitment to step down as acting Tel Aviv mayor if he was returned once more to the Knesset. Hatikva Quarter party branch secretary Dr. Yekutiel Shurabi has written to Labour Party control commission chairman Arye Ankorian asking why the party decision in Ben-Meir's case had not been carried out. Ankorian promised to take action. Watch this space for future developments.

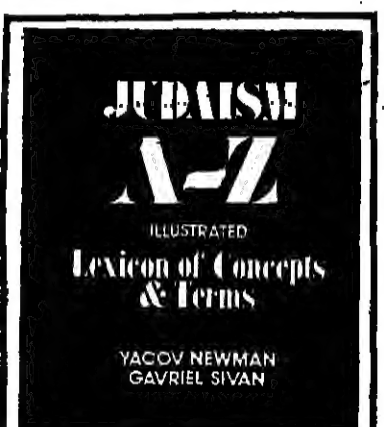
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Meanwhile, at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba, a new board of governors chairman, Robert Arnow was installed. President of Swig-Weiler Inc. of New York, Arnow is also the son-in-law of Jack Weiler who recently had a Jerusalem neighbourhood named for him. Arnow, who has been president of the university's U.S. Friends, replaced former chairman, Baron Nathaniel de Rothschild, also now of New York.

CRM CHAIRMAN Shulamit Aloni MK is the patron of the Rape Crisis Centre benefit premiere of the new Menachem Golan-Yoram Globus movie *Witness to Rape* on Tuesday October 9 at Tel Aviv's Shahaf Cinema. The event is being organized by the centre's committee of friends, including chairman Dr. Nitzza Shapira-Libai, Joanne Yaron, Elisheva Eden, Edith Eilat and Esther Zuchovitzky. The number to ring for tickets is (03) 234314.

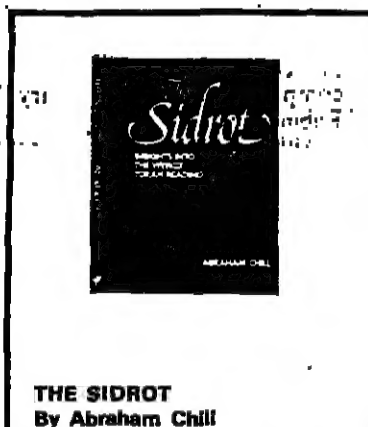
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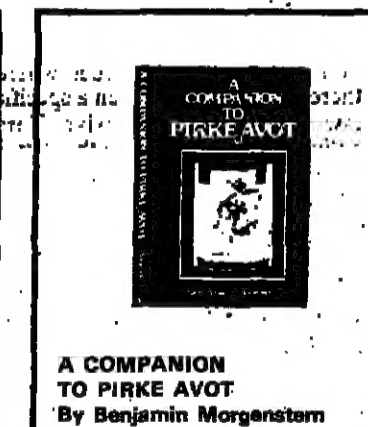
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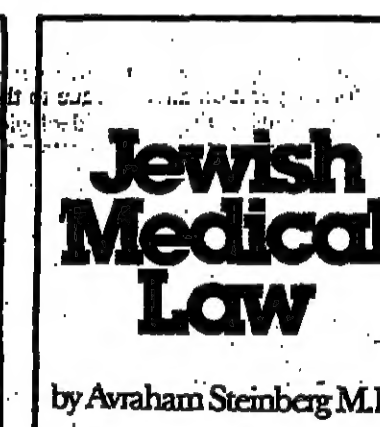
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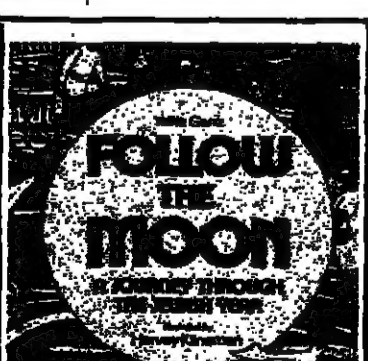
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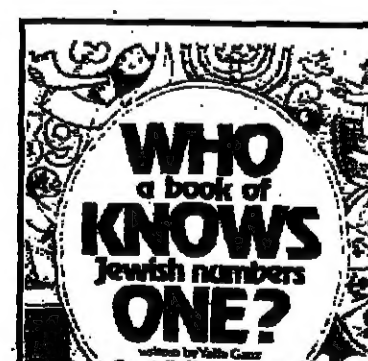
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'As it is understood today, Halacha, rather than contributing its share to the striving for Jewish unity, only deepens the fragmentation.'

Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits



'I'd support a law permitting a group of Reform rabbis to officiate at religious ceremonies—provided that their authority is restricted to their own group.'

Rabbi Nachum Rabinovitch

Pluralism: two Orthodox views

The Jerusalem Post's ARYEH RUBINSTEIN meets two rabbis with divergent views on a controversial subject.

IT IS NOT LIKELY that in the near future non-Orthodox rabbis will be granted legal status on a par with the Orthodox, wrote S.Z. Abramov, then a deputy Knesset Speaker, in 1976.

The forecast was made in one of the final pages of his book, *Perpetual Dilemma: Jewish Religion in the Jewish State*. It could be repeated today without alteration.

Interviews last week with two Orthodox rabbis indicate that the Orthodox camp itself is sharply divided on the question of religious pluralism in Israel.

Rabbi Eliezer Berkovits, for many years professor of philosophy at the Hebrew Theological College in Skokie, Illinois, sums up his position as follows:

"I am opposed to the Reform and Conservative ideologies, but the same right that I claim for myself is theirs: to express their ideology in their own way. Beyond that, I strive for cooperation and dialogue to the very limits of the various ideologies in the hope of eventually attaining unity."

Rabbi Nachum Rabinovitch, head of Yeshivat Birkat Moshe, the best yeshiva at Maaleh Adumim, sees it differently:

"If the Reform and Conservative Jews want to constitute themselves as self-contained religious groups they are by all means entitled to it. They would then be free to act as they see fit, just as a Moslem imam may perform a bigamous marriage. But they don't want to minister only to their flock; they want to be my rabbi!"

Berkovits, who studied at the Hildesheimer Rabbinical Seminary in Berlin, says that unity is the be-all and end-all of Judaism. The differences between the three streams were produced by the Diaspora. But Judaism is essentially the way of life of a people; it can be fully realized only by a people. The supreme mitzvah is to work for unity in the spirit of *Ahavat Yisrael*—love for all Israel.

Stressing his adherence to Halacha, Berkovits finds it regrettable that Halacha, as it is understood today, rather than contributing its share to the striving for Jewish unity, only deepens the fragmentation.

The quote is from Berkovits' most recent book, *Not in Heaven: The Nature and Function of Halakha* (Ktav, 1983), which last year won the American Jewish Committee prize for the best book on Jewish thought. The book might be described as giving the halachic case for pluralism.

In our interview, Berkovits said that there are three reasons for his strong objection to any form of religious coercion. The first, paradoxically, is halacha. In the absence of a Sanhedrin, and with the abrogation of *semicha* in its original sense, no halachic authority has the right to impose its will.

The second reason he labels "spiritual." In matters of religion and conscience, compulsion is out: "You don't achieve more religious observance or more respect for Judaism this way."

Strongest of all is the ethical reason: not to recognize the Conservative and Reform streams is to treat them the way other religions and Christian states treated Jews in the course of the Dispersion when they refused to recognize the Jewish marriage ceremony.

"It is morally wrong to say, 'I don't recognize you. It's no solution. What is needed is a responsible dialogue between the three groups, each guided by a sense of responsibility towards Klal Yisrael.'"

accordance with Halacha, then it's valid."

Berkovits grants that some of the teachings and practices of non-Orthodox rabbis constitute "a violation of the laws of the Torah as they are understood by the Orthodox interpretation." (That formulation itself would of course be regarded as heretical in some circles.)

But he is convinced that the non-Orthodox interpretation and practice are not meant as acts of rebellion against Judaism: "Their intention may be no less *shem shamayim*—for the sake of Heaven—than that of Orthodox Jews."

Berkovits says that conversion is one of many issues where there is a conflict between a specific law and a comprehensive Torah obligation. In this case the latter being the commandment of *Ahavat Yisrael*, the obligation to work for peace and unity.

While *Ahavat Yisrael* is not a specific commandment, it is more fundamental than any individual mitzva, Berkovits asserts.

"*Ahavat Yisrael* and *Ahavat ha-Shem*—the love of God—are the foundations of Judaism. And innumerable Midrashim tell us that we must learn to live in unity even with Jews who do not observe the mitzvot."

One well-known Midrash tells us that the "four species" that are blessed on Sukkot stand for four types of Jews. The *etrog*, which is both tasty and fragrant (has *ta'am va-rei'ah*), represents the Jews who have both Torah learning and good deeds. The *lulav*, with taste but no fragrance, represents those with Torah learning but without good deeds. The *hadass* (myrtle), fragrant but not tasty, is like the Jews with good deeds but without Torah learning. And the *arava* (willow), with neither taste nor fragrance, is like those who lack both Torah knowledge and good deeds.

But the real point of the Midrash is found in the less familiar parallel-line: "And God [in prescribing the four species] is saying: 'Let them all be bound in a single bundle and they will atone for one another.'"

Berkovits says that this is only another way of stating the concept that *kol yisrael arevin zeh bazeh*—all Jews are responsible for one another. If there are Jews devoid of both Torah learning and good deeds, then all other Jews must assume a share of the responsibility and atone for their failure. And all four types, by acknowledging their responsibility for the Jewish unity, make an important contribution towards overcoming the failings of all Israel.

THE REAL PROBLEM, says Berkovits, is that nobody knows how to run a Jewish state in 1984 according to Halacha. Once this is worked out he is certain that great changes will take place in the various ideologies, which are all conditioned by life in the Diaspora. If he proves to be mistaken, and his "perhaps utopian" ideal of unity proves unattainable, the non-Orthodox groupings will still be entitled to equal rights in practicing Judaism according to their lights.

His anti-coercion position led me to ask him whether he thinks there should be religious parties in the Knesset. He does not rule them out, but he is opposed to their using their political power to force religious legislation on the non-religious.

"Judaism is too precious to be reduced to a commodity in the coalition market."

Berkovits calls for "the restoration of Halacha to its original function." The Torah, he says, is eternal because it has a word for each generation. But the halachic authorities tend to take the easy way out. "They impose the word meant for

yesterday and thus miss hearing the word meant for today, for this generation, for this new hour in the history of the Jewish people."

RABBI NACHUM RABINOVITCH, former principal of Jews College, London, previously studied in yeshivot in Montreal and Baltimore and taught mathematics at the University of Toronto, where he had earned a Ph.D. He has served congregations in Toronto and Charleston, South Carolina.

He has written *Probability and Statistical Inference*, a history of probability theory, and three volumes have already appeared of *Yad Peshua*, an edition of part of the Rambam's *Mishne Torah*, with a comprehensive commentary by Rabinovitch.

Although he settled permanently in Jerusalem only a year ago, he was appointed rosh yeshiva at Birkat Moshe three years ago, and for two years he divided his time between London and Jerusalem.

What does the concept of *Ahavat Yisrael* mean to Rabinovitch?

"It is a most fundamental and basic principle," he replies. "I would be most distressed to see Reformers or any other group try to constitute themselves a self-contained body outside of Klal Yisrael."

"If they want to live with me, they should accept the jurisdiction of the competent *batei din* on the basic matters of Jewish identity, such as marriage, divorce, and conversion. And we should help them take this position by not agitating against them and urging them not to agitate against us."

Is *Ahavat Yisrael* a factor to be taken into account in applying Halacha? With respect to individual Jews who get into trouble because of a questionable divorce or the like, says Rabinovitch, *Ahavat Yisrael* tells us to treat their problem with humane compassion.

Part of the mitzva, he says, is to tell the people the truth without hurting them needlessly. And he adds that if there were less partisan recrimination there would be greater prospects of achieving wider understanding of Torah values and greater harmony.

Unlike Berkovits, Rabinovitch cannot imagine any situation in which there is a genuine conflict between *Ahavat Yisrael* and a particular mitzva.

"*Ahavat Yisrael* always justifies leniency in the fulfillment of another mitzva. But the question of where leniency is possible is not arbitrary; it is itself a legal question. Where personal hardship is concerned, one always exhausts all possibilities."

Was this true of the Agudat Yisrael rabbis who have never forgiven Rabbi Shlomo Goren for his lenient ruling, that "the brother and sister," in the famous case a decade ago, were not *mamzerim*? Rabinovitch chooses not to comment.

RABINOVITCH MAINTAINS that no coercion is involved if Reform rabbis are automatically barred from performing marriages, "if that is actually so."

Certain religious requirements must be met, in performing a marriage, and if the chief rabbinat in fact refuses to examine the credentials of a particular Reform rabbi, it has ample justification.

Most Reform rabbis are so ignorant, he asserts, that it is reasonable to assume that even if they are interested in following Halacha, they don't know the rules, such as the matter of the testimony of witnesses. The burden of proof must be on them.

But shouldn't the rabbinat here examine the proof? Rabinovitch agrees that it should.

settles here and wants to remarry, why does the Israel rabbinat refuse to examine the nature of her conversion and disqualify the divorce automatically?

"Our *beit din* in Toronto always made a point—unless the divorce had been performed by a *beit din* we knew—of inquiring about the rabbi involved. The Israeli rabbinat is justified in assuming that if a Reform rabbi was involved, there is a strong probability that he was incompetent. I don't know a single Reform rabbi who is interested in following Halacha even for himself."

IF AN INDIVIDUAL Reform or Conservative Jew wants to come under our jurisdiction then we can perform the particular ceremony honestly only in our way, says Rabinovitch.

There are people who don't care about rabbinical jurisdiction, he says, and they go to Cyprus to get married.

He makes it abundantly clear that, in his view, the Reform and Conservative movements can do things their way only by "reading themselves out of Judaism" or being read out of it.

Rabinovitch speaks strongly against religious compulsion. Judaism places a high value on voluntary performance of the mitzvot and its whole object is to evoke a willing response on the part of the free man. How does this high-sounding principle dovetail with the Orthodox demonstrations against Friday night cinema in Petah Tikva?

That is not a case of imposing a certain type of behaviour on the non-religious, he says. When people

live together they must take account of each other's sensibilities. Friday night performances in the vicinity of the city's Great Synagogue and the home of the chief rabbi are "an ugly provocation."

Rabinovitch is "inclined to agree" with those Orthodox critics who maintain that religious legislation forced through the Knesset by virtue of the temporary key position of the religious parties does the Orthodox cause more harm than good.

But there is no hard and fast rule, he says. Thus, on the question of abortion, he thinks that there is much more public support for imposing limits than the media would have us believe. If a referendum were held, he is convinced that a significant majority would favour close control over abortions.

WHILE THE non-Orthodox will no doubt applaud the stand of Berkovits, they should know that he has no constituency, no battalions. But his support of pluralism in Judaism—even if it does not lead to the unity that is his hope—is based on a solid underpinning of halachic knowledge.

In addition to his numerous philosophical writings, including *Major Themes in Modern Philosophies of Judaism*, he has written two major works on Halacha: *Thai b'N'sin u'y'Ger* and *Ha-Halacha: Koha v'Tafida*, published by Mossad Harav Kook.

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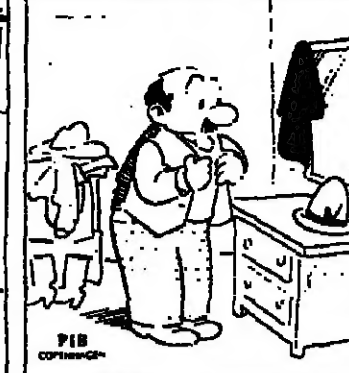
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IN THE RABBINIC tradition the month of Tishre, the "month of the sounding of the shofar," is regarded as the period which celebrates the creation of the world. In the liturgy of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur the theme of creation is interwoven with the theme of judgment (*din*). Let us examine this connection and its relevance to the moral and political renewal so urgently needed in our society.

The doctrine of creation is not merely a theory regarding the origins of the universe. The biblical description of creation must not be understood primarily as a scientific explanation of the origin of the universe. The doctrine of creation as a dramatic metaphor has normative significance which transcends its factual descriptive content. The Torah does not attempt to convey neutral factual information; as a religious text its primary purpose is to offer direction (Tora - from root "to instruct") to the human quest for meaning and purpose.

Judaism differs from religions which preach salvation through faith and belief. It focuses primarily on the content and significance of human behavior. The centrality of *mitzva* in Judaism indicates the primary significance of action above belief. Judaism is essentially a way of life - its emphasis is on practical concerns - on doing, on social and economic justice, on family relations, in a word, on Halacha (Halacha from root "to go").

How does one relate to the world and to other human beings? What meaning may an individual ascribe to life? How is it possible for a person to discover new dimensions in his quest for holiness? The rabbinic tradition's weaving together the theme of creation with Rosh Hashana suggests that creation is intimately connected with man's spiritual rebirth.

THE BIBLICAL teaching of creation suggests the unique importance of human life. In the biblical account of creation, man is singled out from the rest of nature and set apart as a creature of irreducible worth and significance. Only man is formed "in the image of God" (Gen. 1:27).

And only man is addressed directly by God (Gen. 1:26) and held accountable for his deeds. That is, only man is free and thus responsible for shaping his life consciously and with deliberation.

Man alone is considered "other" by God. It is only with man that God communicates *mitzvot* (commandments) and makes a covenant, since the human species alone is comprised of free individuals who can oppose the will of God. The covenantal challenge, "You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy" (Lev. 19:1) may only be addressed to that being who, like God, is free.

IT WOULD BE hard to find a Jewish community anywhere in the world more committed to its heritage, yet at the same time more involved with the society in which it lives, than that of Gibraltar.

Though only 600-strong, the Gibraltar Jewish community is probably the only one outside Israel or the United States that constitutes as much as 2 per cent of the population (there are a total of some 30,000 people living on "the Rock").

That relatively high percentage goes some way towards explaining how it is that those few hundred Jews provide the current chief minister, Sir Joshua Hassan, as well as the current mayor, Abraham Serfaty. Indeed, a few years ago, three of the eight-man Gibraltar cabinet were Jews.

Nor is Jewish influence confined to politics. Jews play a prominent role in every facet of life in Gibraltar, particularly commerce. A quick walk down Main Street, Gibraltar's busy shopping thoroughfare, reveals a multitude of shops with names like Hassan, Serfaty and Cohen.

Jews have been living in Gibraltar since the 14th century, and the legal right of Jewish settlement was recognized in 1749. Most came from North Africa, and even today there are many family links between Gibraltar, Jews and Jews from nearby Morocco (Tangier is only 15 minutes away by plane).

The Moorish influence is evident in Gibraltar's four beautiful synagogues (five if you count the "Children's Synagogue"). Each is adorned with exquisite religious objects. Though not all of them are of Moorish or Spanish origin, some

Creation and judgment

By DAVID HARTMAN

The unique status and stature of man is a dominant feature of biblical and rabbinic morality. In the Talmud, the fact that Adam was originally created alone was intended to teach that he who saved a single life should be regarded as if he had saved an entire world, and he who destroyed a single life should be regarded as having destroyed an entire world (*Mishna Sanhedrin*).

Creation implies the absolute dignity of human life irrespective of race, religion or creed. Acknowledgement of the worth of human life in the light of creation commits one to reject the depersonalization of human beings by violence or by the institutions created by industrial society. The believer in creation must reject the morality of the crowd and of conformity. He must be morally disgusted by all forms of reducing people to numbers.

The fact that the expression used so often to refer to the victims of the Holocaust - "the six million" - has become trite and hackneyed, reveals the desensitizing effect of quantifying human suffering. We always mourn for individuals. A believer in the doctrine of creation is challenged to feel wonder and amazement at the birth of one single human life. He abhors the vulgar statement, "If you know one, you know them all."

Modern mass media have in many ways made us insensitive to the precious value of a single human life. We may decry great acts of violence while remaining unmoved by the plight of the single lonely person. To affirm creation is to declare war on all such forms of dehumanization.

ROSH HASHANA, which may be characterized as a call to stand still and examine carefully the quality of one's life, makes no sense in a depersonalized world. Rosh Hashana's call to spiritual renewal falls on deaf ears unless one is moved by the music of "man created in the image of God."

The day celebrating creation and the day when each individual is judged are one and the same. Spiritual renewal and accountability (judgment) are acted out against a background which indicates the supreme dignity of human life (creation). Only he who appreciates the importance of the notion of *tzemem elohim* (image of God) may relate

seriously to Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur.

The rabbinic rooting of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur in creation colours the way one experiences the awesome features of judgment. It suggests that judgment takes place because human life is significant (creation). Human beings are judged because human action is important. One must carefully scrutinize every single act one does. The *al chet* ("for the sin") confessional presupposes that each and every human act is worthy of assessment. The dignity of man requires that one consider the importance of a single act. Human society becomes morally sloppy when we fail to sharpen our focus on the consequences of particular actions. Moral renewal is not brought about by broad generalized feelings of guilt but rather by the serious evaluation of what one did and did not do in particular situations.

The specification of human conduct and the particularization of human beings in the light of the "image of God" conception of man counteracts paralyzing feelings of guilt by reaffirming the value and dignity of man and the importance of particular actions. The judgment of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is not to condemn man for his past failings but above all to call man to *shuva* and to change the course of his life. The tenor of the judgment is not dominated by human guilt or terror of divine wrath but rather by the vision of man which makes *shuva* so urgent and important.

The call to *shuva* on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is an attempt to reawaken in man the determination to shape his life and renew his spirit. There is no judgment in Judaism which is not linked to the hope for *shuva*. The purpose of judgment is less to determine guilt than to encourage change and personal re-evaluation. The liturgy of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is a fervent plea to man to believe that he can change, can alter his habits and past patterns and build towards a new future through honest introspection in the present.

THE NOTION of the absolute value of a single human life which lies at the heart of creation must not be understood as an idealized romantic

concept of man. Judaism's emphasis on the dignity and uniqueness of man did not lead to a naive picture of human goodness. Immediately following the account of creation, the Bible presents detailed descriptions of human failures: Cain and Abel, the tower of Babel, Noah and the generation of the flood.

The Bible's account of human history is an explicit chronicle of hatred, jealousy, pettiness and violence. God gave the Torah to a people prepared to stone their liberating leader whenever they encountered danger or deprivation. Although man was created as a free, independent being (*tzemem elohim*), he often chooses slavery rather than face insecurity. There are no illusions about human nature in the Bible nor in the rabbinic tradition. Belief in the doctrine of creation did not create romantic naive idealists.

Yom Kippur is not a holiday celebrating a romantic faith in human innocence. Throughout the liturgy, we are awakened to the reality of human failure. Consequently, we affirm judgment and political renewal as mature people fully aware of the harsh reality of human evil.

Our affirmation of the importance of *din* (judgment), *teshuvah* (return), *teshuvah* (renewal) takes place this year at a time when we are experiencing the social and political fragility of the State of Israel. During this difficult time in history we have to live with the hope of renewal because as Jews we have been conditioned by the regenerative power of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Diaspora Jews must believe in Israel's spiritual renewal despite acknowledging our social and moral weaknesses. The political reality of Israel challenges the Jewish people to integrate creation and judgment in a mature vision of the future renewal of our people.

One does not need dramatic slogans and myths which are not grounded in reality in order to generate our commitment to work for the spiritual renewal of Israel. Love based on childhood illusions and myths about the spiritual purity of the Jewish people contradict the spirit of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur which proclaim the determination to struggle for renewal while being fully aware to human weaknesses and frailty.

If the Jewish world will listen to the powerful rhythms of the liturgy and will patiently reflect on the dominant theme of love grounded in reality, we will gain the strength to love our people and ourselves as individuals with a profound, mature love capable of sustaining commitment in the midst of uncertainty and imperfection.

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Committed community

By HYAM CORNEY / Post London Correspondent

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DESPITE ITS relatively small size, the Jewish community has its own primary school, attended by virtually all of Gibraltar's children up to the age of 11. Moreover, all four synagogues are in regular use every Shabbat, and the four take it in turn - three months each - to host the daily morning and evening weekday services. A regular Shabbat worshipper is the chief minister, whose officials know that however important a matter of state, he cannot be disturbed on a Saturday morning before services end at 11 a.m.

All of Gibraltar's Jews seem to be inter-related. The president of the community, James Levy, is a nephew of Sir Joshua Hassan. Aged

33, Levy has "a dream" - to build a secondary school in addition to the primary school.

When I visited Gibraltar recently, he told me that the Jewish community of Gibraltar was eager for more contact with Jews from the rest of the world. "We want to feel less isolated and to establish links with international Jewish organizations. We have many Jewish tourists here, and many Gibraltar Jews go to Israel on holiday. Many of our youngsters also go to yeshiva there."

"It is very easy to be Jewish in Gibraltar. It is a close-knit community, middle-class and not affluent, and people make vast sacrifices to maintain our institutions."

Not surprisingly, there is neither anti-Semitism nor a hint of anti-Israel sentiment. Even at the height

of the Lebanon war, when the international media was virtually unanimous in its condemnation of Israel's invasion, the Gibraltar media took a different stand. As James Levy says: "Gibraltarians admire Israel's courage and because Gibraltar is also besieged, there is a natural affinity between us and Israel."

Gibraltarians - Jew and Gentile - are united in their determination that "the Rock" should remain a British colony and should not be handed over to Spain. They would welcome the re-opening of the border with mainland Spain (at present they can cross over once a day, but only on foot, whereas tourists cannot go over at all), but wish to retain their British link.

Gibraltar is a strange mixture of Spanish and British cultures. Every one is bilingual, the currency is sterling, the policemen are dressed like the British "bobby," yet cars do not travel on the left, as in Britain.

It has some fine beaches and modern hotels, a casino - and the famous Barbary apes to visit and feed.

Gibraltar would welcome more tourists, and the Jewish community in particular would welcome more Israeli tourists: "We don't get many," says Levy, "but we would be delighted to have more. They can be assured of a warm, Jewish welcome."

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Money Matters

Shares weak; bonds up: volume low

Another lackluster day's trading yesterday rounded out a week of dull, boring and simply tedious activity on the stock exchange. The general features are quickly summarized: Low volume, no public participation and most shares and bonds drifting aimlessly, with shares moving mostly lower while bonds made some progress to the upside.

Against this background, the few interesting developments stand out all the more clearly. The weekly statistics for the share market show the General Share Index as gaining 0.64 per cent on the week - certainly a respectable performance, even nowadays. However, this figure comprises two totally different components. The "free" share market was almost entirely unchanged over the week, rising by 0.38 per cent. The gains were all concentrated, then, in one small but important sector - the "arrangement" group of bank shares.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

share had been advancing strongly for some time before the news of the ban became known. Of course, it is perfectly possible that insiders at Elite and/or at the banks or in the government had an inkling of the intention to introduce the import ban and they began buying, or tipped off others who themselves bought.

In any event, the smell given off by this conjunction of events is not that of sweets and chocolates, and the stock exchange authorities can be expected to look into the chain of developments surrounding the meteoric rise of Elite share in the last few weeks, and particularly in the last few days.

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices	Value	% Change
General Share Index	410.62	-0.19%
Non-bank Index	276.66	-0.40%
Bank Index	504.67	-0.11%
Industrial	322.63	-0.26%
Bond Index	342.93	+1.62%

Turnovers

Shares	IS966.2m.
Bonds	IS1034.6m.
Advances	112
Declines	28
of which 5% +	63
of which 5% -	11
"Buyers only"	12
"Sellers only"	12

Bond market trends

4% fully-linked:	Stable/Rises to 3%
3% fully-linked:	Stable/Rises to 3%
80% linked:	Rises to 6%
90% linked:	Stable/Rises to 3%
Double-option:	Stable/Rises to 3%
Most-linked:	Stable/Rises to 6%

Most Active Shares

Shares	IS966.2m.	% Change
Leumi	6945	+15.0%
Hapoalim	15070	+15.0%
IDB	16200	+15.0%

Sharpest Moves

Shares	% Change
Spinneries op.	-21.4%
M.G.N. op.	-18.8%
Interpump op.	+18.3%

These shares, perhaps celebrating the first anniversary of the dramatic, and by now infamous, collapse of the "old-style" bank shares on October 6, 1983 put on no less the 13.88 per cent in the course of the week. This is well in excess of even the most pessimistic inflation expectations for some weeks in October and also considerably ahead of the 6 per cent devaluation so far this week, or 7-8 per cent if today's shekel move may be anticipated.

Even after these gains, the yields on the bank "share/bonds," using the October 1988 redemption date, is in the region of 16-17 per cent and thus still very high. The rises this week were, in the opinion of some analysts, an attempt by some investors to diversify their dollar-linked holdings somewhat, as rumours of a move against *patron* accounts proliferate, and in the view of others, a reaction to the falls of last week, when many small investors sold shares to redeposit the funds in bank savings schemes.

ELITE SOARS
There is one other sub-sector that stands out in the list of the week's moves. This is the food division of the industrial sector. Here, it was not a group of shares that caused the move, but one single issue - that of Elite. Thus, while the food group added more than 24 per cent on the week, Elite shares zoomed ahead by a clear 50 per cent, moving from 5280 to 7890.

The explanation for this phenomenon is unclear. The latest government moves to restrict imports of chocolates, for example, will undoubtedly benefit Elite, but the

of the fire at the firm's plant on April 5, 1983. In total, Vitalgo has received \$3,655,000 and the company noted that, since it was fully insured against fire and loss of profits, it suffered no damage or losses as a result of the fire.

Technological Resources informed the exchange that on October 2 the company received a judgment in the case brought against it and Trading Resources, whereby the two companies were obliged to pay to the claimants IS488,2m. plus linkage and interest from September 3, and costs of IS700,000. The temporary foreclosure on the companies' property was upheld. Technological Resources has 30 days to appeal this decision.

The claim against the company stems from its guarantee to Trading Resources concerning the sale of shares of Ararat insurance company to Trading Resources. Technological Resources claims that this guarantee had lapsed by the date in question.

Independence Mortgage Bank notified the exchange that Swan Finance Corporation exercised the option that it had and sold its 26 per cent stake in Independence to the First International Bank. The latter paid IS2 billion, being the original amount paid by Swan, with linkage to the dollar and interest.

As a result of this purchase First International's stake in Independence has increased to 77 per cent of the equity and voting power. 51 per cent of this is held by Merav, the main First International mortgage bank subsidiary, and 26 per cent is held now by the bank itself.

Vitalgo Textile Works announced that it had received from its insurers an additional \$450,000 as a final payment for all its claims arising out of the fire.

In Damascus, the official "daily al-Ba'ath" described America's renewed involvement in Lebanese politics as promoted not "by a desire to preserve Lebanese interests and save Lebanon from aggression," but to "extricate the Zionist enemy from the swamp in which it fell after invading Lebanon."

The paper went on to charge that Washington wanted security arrangements in South Lebanon that would "ensure for Israel points of departure, observation and spying directed at the Syrian hinterland."

MURPHY

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political adviser, Michel Samaha, met with Syrian Vice-President Abdul-Halim Khaddam and returned to Beirut without disclosing the content of their talk. Jemayel's emissary to Saudi Arabia was former prime minister Fahd al-Hadi.

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Yen	246.15/246.25
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Commercial Banks

Bank	Value	% Change
Leumi	3640	+13
Maritime	1800	+32
Maritime 0.5	538	+6.1
General non-arr.	3034	+6.1
N. American	2080	+25
N. American 0.5	1585	+116
N. Amer. op.	2872	+26
Danot 1	323	-17
Danot 2	78	+154
Danot 2.5	184	+70
First 10.5	474	+50
First 10.5	383	+98

Commercial Banks (part of "arrangement")

Bank	Value	% Change
IDB	16050	+529
IDB 0.1	16200	+529
IDB 0.5	102600	+529
Union 0.1	12052	+234
Union 0.5	21500	+44
Discount B	20550	+237
Discount B	2480	+135
Mizrahi 1	1042	+104
Mizrahi 0.5	6220	+33
Mizrahi 0.9	3045	+89

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Swiss franc	109.68
Swedish krona	49.383
Norwegian krone	48.412
Danish krone	38.683
Finnish mark	67.389
Canadian dollar	324.51

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A chaotic unity

FINANCE MINISTER Yitzhak Moda'i has told the nation that the coming year will be a difficult one. That is something the public knows without being told, but it is appropriate for the Finance Minister to state the truth bluntly. Better that than mindless platitudes and slogans to which our politicians, including Mr. Moda'i himself, are accustomed.

It was precisely the awareness of economic crisis and the need for painful remedies that led to the establishment of the national unity government in the first place. Fig leaves, therefore, are not necessary.

But what the public did not expect from such a government, at least not so soon, was the rampant self-recrimination to which we have become witness. It is as if the ministers themselves are desirous of taking over the role of the press and the Knesset opposition in criticizing the decisions—principally the economic decisions—taken or proposed.

Such public censure from within the Cabinet severely undermines public confidence. It makes the task of governance all the more difficult, and that task in Israel's circumstance is difficult enough.

The truth is that such divisive libertarianism in government did not suddenly emerge with this Cabinet. In Israel's early days there were also divisions, but they were kept from public view, fought out within so that in the end the Cabinet could present a unified position.

Under Mr. Eshkol the cracks began to be exposed. The process continued under Mrs. Meir, though her stern matronly presence did not permit it to get out of hand.

Paradoxically it was during the tenure of Mr. Begin, who held the nation so firmly in his grip, that mutual public recrimination by ministers went beyond control. Mr. Begin did little to stop it.

As a result there has been a long negative learning process at the Cabinet table.

The national unity government, balanced as it is between the two big parties, provides even greater scope for such lack of discipline. Mr. Peres cannot easily bring the Likud ministers to order just as Mr. Shamir cannot expect to silence Labour critics. Moreover, this condition also makes it difficult for them to impose discipline upon ministers from their own parties.

The consequence is that one minister proposes, the other disposes, but especially to public display.

Moreover the same Likud ministers who yesterday were responsible for plunging the country into its economic crisis, feel no compunctions in strutting the public stage to prescribe and proscribe. Good taste let alone good sense would dictate more humility. But since our electoral system and the balance of power between the two parties renders them immune from any sort of accountability they are free to say what they please for any end that they please.

This is the chaotic circumstance in which Mr. Peres must bring his government to devise a coherent economic strategy embracing the Histadrut and the private sector. For some years it has been recognized that this can only be achieved with a unity government. What was not sufficiently realized was that a unity government also releases its own mechanisms blocking that goal.

But presumably good sense will prevail in the end, if for no other reason than that the country has no alternative.

YOM KIPPUR

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The Israel Defence Forces chaplaincy corps has set up dozens of temporary synagogues at installations in South Lebanon, and instructions have been published on how to fast under field conditions.

Residents of the administered territories will not be permitted to leave their areas between 3 p.m. today and the end of Yom Kippur tomorrow, the IDF spokesman said yesterday.

In preparation for Yom Kippur, Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliash yesterday visited patients at Jerusalem's Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital. The rabbis called upon those injured in last week's IDF helicopter crash and one officer told the rabbis that he attributed the relative lightness of his injuries to the fact that he carried the prayer for travellers in one pocket and a book of Psalms in the other.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres also visited the IDF injured yesterday afternoon.

The police have asked the public to be on special guard for suspicious objects at synagogues and other public places and to report them to the authorities.

Israel TV will be off the air today and will resume broadcasting tomorrow at 8 p.m. Radio broadcasts end today at 2:20 p.m. and resume tomorrow at 6:58 p.m. An emergency radio team will be on duty.

Hotel guests who are not fasting can make special arrangements for meals.

Ben-Gurion Airport will close today at 3 p.m. and reopen tomorrow at 8 p.m. Yom Kippur is the only day of the year on which the airport closes, and only emergency control tower and ground crews will be present.

SOCIAL UNREST

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sure, it "in a year or two will be unable to pay interest on its foreign debts."

"Although more than half of Israel's \$24 billion debt is in relatively friendly hands—the U.S. government and holders of Israel Bonds—a loan default would require international negotiations," the report said. "And these would doubtless lead to belt-tightening measures so intolerable to many Israelis—who are used to a steadily rising standard of living—as to threaten the stability of Washington's closest ally in the Middle East."

Communications Minister and Shinui leader Amnon Rubinstein was quoted saying: "There will be unemployment, social unrest and ev-

everything that attends austerity. There will probably be some violence. We hope it can be avoided."

This Journal report, U.S. and Israeli officials said, is likely to further damage Israel's international credit rating. In recent months, there have been many other damaging articles in banking and business publications.

Professor Stanley Fisher, a member of Secretary of State George Shultz's special advisory task force on the Israeli economy, said Israel's budget cuts need to be at least as big as Israel's current-account deficit to do any good. Last year, the deficit in Israel's current account, the balance sheet reflecting the payments for goods and services and the dividends and interest on investments, was \$2.2b.

FATAH

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last Saturday, was sought by the police.

The bomb went off shortly after 11 a.m. local time tearing the automobile, a small Honda Civic, to shreds, tossing chunks of metal into the air and smashing window panes in neighbouring buildings.

The Israeli Embassy occupying the two top floors of the six-storey building fronting on the capital's main shopping and business street, Makarios Avenue, was completely undamaged, according to a police communiqué and the embassy staff.

In Jerusalem, Foreign Ministry spokesman Dan Ashbel said no one in the Israeli Embassy in Nicosia was wounded.

Ashbel said the explosion occurred in the internal parking lot of the building. He said there appeared to be no damage to the embassy itself. He did not know which floor the embassy was on.

MUBARAK

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a conference "should lead to important results that can be announced afterward. Such a meeting should produce practical steps to push forward the Middle East peace process."

"Its results should include concrete actions regarding the Palestinian problem, Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and the Taba issue."

Political observers speculated that Mubarak's rejection of a summit with Peres may have been partly motivated by a desire to curry favour with Arab countries opposed to Egypt's treaty with Israel and get more of them to restore relations with Cairo.

Meanwhile, Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali met yesterday with Israel's Ambassador to Cairo Moshe Sasson. The meeting was described by Sasson as "routine." Gali Zahal radio reported.

NEW MEN—OLD MORALS?

By DAVID LANDAU

THE DRIVER of the *naknik* (IDF slang for tanker-truck) jumped down from his cab, hair, beard, open shirt blowing in the hot wind, a stream of Arabic curses pouring from his lips, echoing through the valley.

The object of his ill wishes—a pimply young military policeman—replied without malice, as he continued laboriously to write out the ticket. Wearing the plastic inner lining of a helmet, the driver had been doing, could not be construed as conforming to the regulations. These required that drivers, and indeed their passengers, wear the full helmet, properly buckled under their chins.

"You blankety-blank punk," the driver exclaimed. "What do you know anyway? I've been doing this run to Lake Karoun for two years..." The punk protested that he, too, had been serving in Lebanon for a good long while, and had seen road injuries prevented by the correct wearing of helmets.

The argument ebbed back and forth, the soldiers at the roadblock contributing their thoughts and observations, too. And meanwhile, stretching back as far as the eye could see in both directions from the narrow junction, the queue of cars grew.

Heat shimmered off roofs. Sweating faces peered through windows. Children crying. Women sighing. Some men's eyes flashing hatred; others emanating cowed resignation.

"As far as the eye could see" is the key-phrase here. For the Israeli's eyes seemed unseeing. Neither the driver, whose truck blocked the road, nor the policeman who had stopped him there, nor the soldiers

at the roadblock, gave any sign of registering—let alone considering—the visible, and needless, suffering of their fellow human beings nearby.

SOME OF THOSE sufferers suffer no more. As the roadblock was just outside the village of Sukhmour, it is a fair assumption that some of them were among the 13 villagers gunned down there by "soldiers" of the South Lebanese "Army" a fortnight ago.

The bullets felled them before Gen. Antoine Lahad and the Israeli officers present could "courageously shield them with their own bodies."

In the words of the subsequent official reconstruction of this "exciting reconstruction of this 'exciting'—more IDF officialese), Gen. Lahad and the Israelis had lined up all the menfolk for interrogation, following a fatal ambush the night before. For the avengers, it was like target practice back at their IDF boot-camp.

Yes, alas yes, Eli Landau (*Ma'ariv* October 2) and all you other Sharon followers, you Kahan Commission detractors, you Sabra and Shatila apologists—yes, Sukhmour was a massacre. And Israel was, again, indirectly responsible. The size of the massacre, the onus of responsibility—these were different from Sabra and Shatila. But the differences were of degree, not of kind.

Yes, Eli Landau *et al.* the reaction of the "other camp," the 400,000, all those who were horrified and mortified by Sabra and Shatila and felt cleansed by the Kahan Commission, their reaction to Sukhmour—that is,

their lack of reaction—is a monumental piece of hypocrisy. It reeks of political opportunism. (Hence your adroitness at spotting it.)

As you so rightly say (for the wrong reasons), the fact that people in this camp are now in power ought not to change their subjective moral perceptions. The objective moral criteria, after all, are immutable.

SHARON'S GREAT success as \$744 ended was not his "rehabilitation" as Shimon Peres' minister of commerce. Rather, it was the way Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin and their half of the country handled Sukhmour. That, and not Sharon's cabinet appointment, represents the true magnitude of Sharon's victory and vindication.

"The dogs bark, and the caravan moves on," was Sharon's famous motto when formerly in power. What he meant was not just that the caravan reaches its destination regardless of the dogs, but that the dogs eventually give up barking and sink off.

That is the ultimate danger to our society, to any society: that its watchdogs, the keepers of its ethics and its conscience, are quelled—or, worse still, quell themselves—into silent acquiescence.

Sukhmour, of course, was a singular disaster. Neither the event, therefore, nor its aftermath were typical of our moral degeneration. At most, they were a warning of where we are heading.

The blind indifference at the

roadblock was a more typical measure of the corrosive effects of occupation on the souls of the occupiers.

And, lest we forget, we are all manning roadblocks, if not a Sukhmour then "20 minutes from Kfar Sava." The fact that so many of us block out the roadblocks from our own minds is another indicator of the growing danger of moral myopia.

THE CREATION of the national unity government can either restrain that growth or accelerate it. It all depends on the standards adopted, and projected, by the leadership. If the "national unity" is to mean acquiescence by the "other camp" in the norms of the "national camp" (*hamahane haleumi*), then those norms will have achieved their final triumph and vindication. (They were well on the way to winning during Labour's long years of decline, before Likud came to power in 1977.)

The "national camp's" moral credo was immortalized in Menachem Begin's comment after Sabra and Shatila: "Goyim kill goyim—and the Jews are blamed."

But what was the "other camp's" comment after Sukhmour? Utter, stony silence—from a prime minister's bureau which issues statements daily, and sometimes twice daily, on matters large and small.

More troubling than the absence of appropriate words was the absence of action, from Peres or Rabin. Swift, demonstrative, punitive action was called for. After all, the

whole ghastly saga was, on the face of it, a catalogue of negligence, recklessness and apathy on the part of responsible Israeli officers. The Post's defence correspondent Hani Goodman's depiction last week of one senior officer's smug and mendacious reactions immediately following the massacre was itself grounds—at any rate, moral grounds—for disciplinary measures.

The Labour Party leaders of the unity government failed their first test, a test of character—the future character of our society.

The media failed, too, by and large, in its watchdog brief, and let itself open to justified charges of hypocrisy.

In the High Holy Days service, we say: *Ki ta'avir memshelet zadon min ha'aretz*—"When thou makes the government of evil to pass from the land."

Davar's Hanna Zemer appositely borrowed this phrase for a headline on the day after Rosh Hashana 5743, the Rosh Hashana of Sabra and Shatila.

Thanks to myriad right-thinking Israelis, that government was eventually made to pass from the land. The architects of the Lebanon war were forced to step down.

Now, with a new government of unity, and with the High Holy Days again upon us, we would do well to ponder the continuation of that sublime passage from the prayer book: "And thou, O Lord, shall reign, exalted in justice, sanctified in righteousness."

The purpose of removing evil is to replace it with justice and righteousness—in the government, and in the hearts of the governed.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE MAKUYA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - As one of 50 Israelis touring the Far East in November 1983 from India through Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand, Hongkong, Singapore, Taiwan and Japan, I read with great interest Yossi Gantz's article of September 14 about the Makuya.

We had many memorable experiences on this trip. However, it was unanimously agreed by the entire group that the highlight was our reception by the Makuya in the heart of Tokyo.

Stepping from our coach outside the Makuya Horaisans headquarters, we ran the gamut of broadly smiling, backslapping, cheering, waving, Japanese. Two parallel lines of Israeli flags converged from our coach to the brightly lit hall. Inside, standing behind trestles groaning with Japanese and Israeli food, were

more disciples of Professor Teshima. Between eating, watching documentary films of Makuya dances in support of Israel and hora dancing, we sat on the floor (Japanese style) and answered questions or gave advice about where to visit when in Israel. Finally, we were required to stand individually, give our names, where we lived and a brief history of our previous country, our ally and absorption. All, of course, in various accented Hebrew which our hosts appeared to understand without the slightest difficulty.

Leaving reluctantly hours later, with the strains of *Hatikva* still ringing in our ears, we questioned the supposed image of the inscrutable Oriental. Certainly not applicable to the Makuya!

PHILLIP GOLDSMID
Kibbutz Zikim.

HELPING ETHIOPIAN JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I personally visited Jewish villages in Ethiopia, and I have closely examined the problems of resettling our Ethiopian brothers and sisters. I know that it is difficult to write about the subject with objectivity and clarity. I must commend the article in your September 7 issue by Louis Rapoport. It is enlightening and avoids the sensationalism and name-calling which too frequently appears in articles on this subject. It was especially fortuitous this article appeared simultaneously with one in *The New York Times* which gave comfort only to those who feel that Ethiopian Jewry can be saved by abusing the government of Israel.

I was especially pleased that Mr.

Rapoport's article gave credit to Yehuda Dominitz, whose Immigration Department at the Jewish Agency has been doing heroic work to help Ethiopian Jewry. Mr. Dominitz deserves our respect and gratitude for the outstanding work of his department.

JOEL J. SPRAYREGEN
Chicago, Ill.

SECOND CHANNEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Shinnui made several demands in order to participate in the national unity government. I can understand their concern for electoral reform and the need for improvement in the lot of Israeli Arabs. However, I find it difficult to understand Shinnui's demand for a second (commercial) TV channel, which will only add to our economic and social problems.

First of all, all advertisers would want to use this medium, which would involve large expenditures. The cost would, of course, be passed on to the consumer. In addition, it would give a definite advantage to large foreign corporations, to the detriment of our own companies.

Secondly, at a time when most economic experts agree that a reduction in our standard of living is a necessary component of any national economic recovery programme, commercial TV would in effect be preaching the opposite values: consume, buy, spend.

This proposal for a second TV channel, coming from Shinnui, a party which usually acts with a sense of responsibility and integrity, mystifies me.

YORAM GETZLER
Jerusalem.

ADHERING TO PLO COVENANT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I feel impelled to reply to Mordechai Bar-On's article of September 6, "Attacking the left," as Shmuel Katz cited my articles on the Quakers and because Americans for a Safe Israel includes them as part of their pamphlet offerings.

At one of the Quaker conferences on the Middle East, former mayor Mohammed Milhem was a featured speaker. He gave no quarter to Israel. To hear him, Israel was a police state and such leaders as Moshe Dayan were Nazis. He asserted the Palestinian claim to all of Israel. He said the land is ours, we built it.

Peace Now people were there as speakers. I talked and visited with them. They were very friendly and I had no doubt about their deep loyalty to Israel. The problem, however, was that, in their zeal to pursue peace, they accepted abuses including the presence of anti-Semitic literature and the fact that Milhem and the pro-PLO Arabs boycotted the

Peace Now talk. (Quakers say they do not condone anti-Semitism, but urge Jews to turn the other cheek in order to keep dialogue going. In contrast, they would never tolerate anti-Arab or anti-black propaganda.) The Peace Now people were so hopeful they failed to recognize the demonic hatred Milhem and the other speakers had for Israel and Zionism. Milhem, of course, adheres to the Palestinian National Covenant.

Dr. Issam Sartawi spoke at another Quaker meeting via telephone. He was conciliatory compared to Milhem, although he left enough loopholes so as never to accept the existence of a Zionist state. As fate turned out, this "moderate" was gunned down by the PLO. Milhem has no fear of that. Mr. Bar-On calls Milhem his enemy, but fails to accede that he adheres to the Palestinian National Covenant.

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